

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company
Docket Nos. D.T.E. 02-24/25
Responses to the Department's Seventh Set of Information Requests

Request No. DTE 7-39 (Gas):

Refer to Sch. JLH-4, at 2. Please explain why the Company used data from the months November through October as opposed to the calendar test year used to determine the cost of service.

Response:

The data shown on Schedule JLH-4 (Gas) page 2 shows column data for 12 months. The first two columns are labeled as "November-01" and "December-01." The third column begins with "January-01" and shows the data through "October-01." Thus, the study period is calendar year 2001, the rate case's test year. The spreadsheet model used to make these calculations requires that the data be sequenced from November to October. However, all of the gas cost calculations in Schedule JLH-4 employed the test year costs and sales data for the period January 2001 through December 2001.

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